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SENATE RESOLUTION 219
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Myrtle Glanton Lord
upon being inducted into the Tennessee
Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator is Myrtle Glanton Lord, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2002 at the eighth annual induction ceremony held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Mrs. Lord was inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her exemplary tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar, she graduated from the Bradley Academy in 1927, and later earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Tennessee State University; she is also a

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highly-regarded student of Fisk University, Florida A&M, the University of Michigan, and George Peabody School for Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Glanton Lord began her estimable career as a teacher at Gladeview and Little Hope Schools, where she taught up to forty children in classes ranging from first through eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, after serving for four years in the Rutherford County System, Mrs. Lord accepted a position with Bradley Academy, serving on the same campus where she had attended as a student; her former classroom is now an exhibit at the Bradley Academy Historical and Cultural Center on Academy Street in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Myrtle Glanton Lord began teaching at the newly-opened Bradley Elementary School, where she served with the utmost distinction for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lord transferred to Hobgood Elementary School when the Murfreesboro City School System integrated its students and staff; she taught at Hobgood Elementary School until her much-deserved retirement from the Murfreesboro City School System in 1972; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished teaching career, she always encouraged her students to do their best and give their best; her evident joy in working with children produced enthusiasm for learning among the students in her classroom; and

WHEREAS, one of the many innovative ways in which Myrtle Glanton Lord improved her students' language skills as well as their good manners and habits was by singing and teaching her young scholars rhymes; and

WHEREAS, always urging her students to smile, Mrs. Lord would sing to her children, "You can smile when you can't say a word. You can smile when you can't be heard. You can smile when it's cloudy or clear. You can smile anytime anywhere." She also taught her young students to tap dance; and

WHEREAS, being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame is not her first professional recognition, she has received many awards and honors for her excellence as an educator, including the naming of the library at the Patterson Community Center the Myrtle Glanton Lord Library in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Glanton Lord is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lord still continues to touch the lives of the people of her community; since her retirement, she has remained active in community reading programs as the Coordinator of the Patterson Park Community Center at McFadden; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed storyteller, she also enjoys performing in plays with the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department's Sunshine Players; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Glanton Lord truly serves as an inspiration to teachers and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Bradley Academy founding Principal, Emma G. Roberts, who is a member of the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, states of Mrs. Lord that "She's one of the most dedicated persons I had the privilege of working with..."; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Glanton Lord exemplifies the ideal of the devoted teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Myrtle Glanton Lord upon her induction into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal

excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.